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Sister Olive Louise To Retire October 1985

After more than thirty years of service to Avila College, Sister Olive Louise Dallavis announced on October 22 that she will retire from the presidency, effective October, 1985.

Sister Olive Louise joined the college in 1952 as a Music Instructor. She became Dean of Students and Acting President in 1960. In 1962, she was appointed President. During her tenure as President, the name of the college was changed from College of St. Teresa to Avila College, and the campus moved from 5600 Main to its present spacious location at 11901 Wornall Road.

"These have been very exciting years," she told members of the faculty. "The job is challenging."

"There is one big 'loose end' to be tied up," she said, referring to the need to raise funds for capital improvements and endowment for student aid.

"Right now the endowment fund is the biggest challenge for Avila," she stated. "Financial assistance is absolutely imperative for students to attend college today."

Shortly after Sister's announcement, planning began for the establishment of the Sister Olive Louise Appreciation Fund, a \$1 million endowment fund to award grants and scholarships in Sister's name to deserving Avila students from all walks of life.

The fund is being established in recognition of her "vision, leadership and unselfish service to the entire metropolitan community and to Avila College," according to Tom Reardon, one of the fund's organizers.

The Presidential Scholarships available through the income derived from this permanent fund will be awarded to students who demonstrate a capacity for scholastic achievement and a desire for a value-centered education.

Members of the Avila College community expressed their appreciation for Sister Olive Louise's efforts on behalf of the college.

Alfred J. Blasco, Chairman of the Avila



Sister Olive Louise

College Board of Trustees, said he will be sorry to see her retire. "She has so many wonderful qualities; it's going to be hard to replace her," he said.

Tom Gordon, President of the Avila College Booster Club, said he will miss her dedication and leadership. "Among her many achievements and innovations, Sister helped establish the men's and women's collegiate athletic program which quickly became a recognized contender in this region and added an important competitive edge to the college," he said.

Sister Olive Louise, a native of St. Louis, received her graduate degree at the University of Illinois and did postgraduate work at the University of Illinois and at Catholic University of America.

She is a founding member of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Missouri.

Among her numerous civic awards are: the Brotherhood Citation of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Citizen of the Year Award by UNICO, and a special citation for her community involvement from the Missouri House of Representatives.

New Fellowship Stresses Computers In The Classroom

Thanks to United Telecommunications, Inc., Avila College has awarded its first annual United Telecom Faculty Fellowship to Mrs. Karen Sieber, Assistant Professor of Medical Technology and Medical Technology Program Director. The \$5,000 award will be used by Mrs. Sieber to explore ways in which microcomputers can be used to make classroom teaching more effective. She will share this information with other faculty members through papers or presentations.

"This fellowship will help to put Avila at the forefront of colleges pioneering new and effective learning techniques by employing microcomputers," said G. Richard Scott, Academic Dean. "It establishes yet another link between Avila and the business community and we are grateful to United Telecom for making the fellowships possible," he said.

Among the qualifications needed to receive the fellowship is an established record of excellence in teaching.

New Trustee Joins Avila College Board



Sister Anne Kelly

Sister Anne Elizabeth Kelly, CSJ, has become the newest member of the Board of Trustees of Avila College.

Sister Anne, a native of St. Joseph, Missouri, was elected to the board on October 17. She holds a Masters Degree in Social Work from St. Louis University and a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from Mount St. Scholastica College in Atchison, Kansas.

Currently, she is Assistant Provincial of St. Louis Province.

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A Christmas Message

Dear Friends,

Your intentions are remembered daily in prayer. It is a strength we share in friendship.

May the joy, peace and love of this Christmas season fill your hearts in abundance.

Let us look forward to a New Year with great faith and hope.

Sincerely,

Sister Christine Louise, C.S.J.

Women's Institute Wins Special Award

The Women's Leadership Institute at Avila College (WLI) received a Special Award from the Metropolitan Regional Commission on the Status of Women at the organization's 1984 Awards Dinner.

Marcy Caldwell (right), Project Director, accepted the award on behalf of the Institute from Commissioner Marge Troeh, "in recognition of the contribution of the Women's Leadership Institute to the growth and development of area women." WLI offers a unique program which, since its founding in 1978, has addressed the problem of access for women to leadership and decision-making roles within the metropolitan area.



Education Consultant Returns to Avila

Dr. Hadley S. DePuy, a widely respected authority on higher education, will make a return engagement to speak with faculty and staff of Avila College on January 9. Dr. DePuy was well received when he addressed Avila's faculty and staff at the 1983 Faculty Institute.

A former instructor and college ad-

ministrator, Dr. DePuy has served as Deputy Commissioner for Higher and Professional Education for the State of New York. Since 1980, he has been a consultant to colleges and universities for McManis Associates, Inc. of Washington, D.C. and San Francisco.

Avila Alumni Events

January 9

Alumni Board Dinner Meeting,
 6:00 p.m.

March 11

Beginning of Alumni Telethon

March 27

Alumni Board Meeting,
 7:30 p.m.

April 24

Alumni Board Meeting,
 7:30 p.m.

October 4-6

AVILA HOMECOMING 1985

Goppert Theatre

February 8, 9, 15, 16

Angel Street

by Patrick Hamilton

8 p.m. - Goppert Theatre

March 15 & 16

Lincoln Center to Broadway
 (an evening of Theatre, Song
 and Dance)

8 p.m. - Goppert Theatre

April 19, 20, 26, 27

Dames At Sea

book and lyrics by

George Haimsohn and Robin
 Miller

music by Jim Wise

8 p.m. - Goppert Theatre